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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: Senate Investigation of Events Affecting the
Situation in the Middle East

This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph
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1. The following information was obtained from Rod O'Connor,
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations:

The Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Com-
mittees have set up a subcommittee to carry out the investigation recom-
mended by Senator Fulbright. The subcommittee consists of Senators
Fulbright (Chairman), Mansfield, Byrd, Wiley, Knowland and Saltonstall.
The Department of State has been requested for a chronological state-
ment of all events significantly affecting the situation in the Middle
East during the period from January 1946 to the present, together
with supporting documents, classified and unclassified. An internal
meeting was scheduled with the Secretary yesterday to discuss the
procedure for handling this request. The proposal to the Secretary was
that compliance be limited to a chronological catalog of events, with
references to various key documents. After the Secretary approves a
procedure, the Department is planning to meet with the subcommittee
to discuss their proposals for compliance with the subcommittee's
request.

2. I have not attempted to establish any formal liaison with
State on this matter, but it is obvious that certain aspects of their
reports to Congress will be of definite interest to us. I have some
doubts as to whether a contact between the Legislative Liaison offices
of our agencies would be the most productive way of handling this prob-
lem, although I will of course keep in touch with committee developments.
It is therefore recommended that an agreement be reached with State
at the appropriate level to insure that the substance of matters which
are of importance to CIA are checked out with the appropriate people
here.

/s/ Norman S. Paul

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<p>Remarks:</p> <p>You might give me a call about this if Kirk has not already spoken to you about the discussion which took place at the Deputies' Meeting today.</p> <p>Mr. Amory referred to Senator Symington's call to the Director on 25 February 1957 respecting the recent publicity on Soviet bomber strength and recommended that he and "Norman Paul" call on the Senator and give him a chronological report of how we arrive at the figures contained in our estimates. The Director said he was more or less committed to furnish</p>											
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